



This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to
2 preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

3 providing a first community, said first community expressing preferences
4 regarding content in first data streams;

5 determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said first
6 data streams to provide determined characteristics;

7 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
8 characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said
9 expressed preferences; and

10 transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

11 said individual data stream has more content that said community likes
12 and less content that said community dislikes.

2. (original) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to
3 preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said step of biasing an
4 individual data stream further comprises:

5 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
6 characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive
7 preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said
8 community.

3. (currently amended) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according
2 preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of providing a
first community further comprises:

4 providing a second community, said second community expressing
preferences regarding content in second data streams;

6 evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

8 said first community arises from a larger second community, said first
10 community determined by having a preference in common.

4. (original) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according
2 preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of biasing an
individual data stream further comprises:

4 biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

5. (original) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according
2 preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting
said individual data stream further comprises:

4 transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
6 voluntary or selectable basis.

6. (currently amended) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according
to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community expressing first
preferences regarding content in first data streams;

providing a second community, said second community second
expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that
said first community arises from a larger second community, said first
community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said
first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said
determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for
positive first preferences of said first community and biased against negative
first preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream has more content than said first community

likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

7. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community, the steps comprising:

1) providing a first community, said first community being
dynamically self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community
expressing preferences regarding content in first data streams;

2) determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said
first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

3) biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said
expressed preferences;

4) transmitting said individual data stream; and
repeating steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 to re-establish said first community, to re-
establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias said individual data stream;
whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said first community
likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

8. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined

characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive
6 preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said
community.

9. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a first community
further comprises:

4 providing a second community, said second community expressing
preferences regarding content in second data streams;

6 evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

8 determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

10 said first community arises from a larger second community, said first
community determined by having a preference in common.

10. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

4 biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

11. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of transmitting said individual
data stream further comprises:

4 transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
6 voluntary or selectable basis.

12. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a first community
further comprises:

4 providing a first community rating an artist in approximately the top one-
third of a possible rating spectrum.

Alcora. 13. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the step of providing a first
community further comprises:

4 providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.

14. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
2 of a community, the steps comprising:

4 providing a first community, said first community being dynamically
self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing
preferences regarding content in first data streams;

6 providing a second community, said second community second
expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

8 evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that
said first community arises from a larger second community, said first
community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said
first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first
preferences of said first community and biased against negative first preferences
of said first community;

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining
characteristics to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual
data stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish
said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias
said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said community likes
and less content that said community dislikes.

15. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community, the steps comprising:

4 providing a first community, said first community being dynamically
self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing
preferences regarding content in first data streams;

6 determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said first
data streams to provide determined characteristics;

8 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said
expressed preferences;

receiving preferences from a first user; and

12 transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including
content highly rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first
user; whereby

14 said individual data stream has more content that said community likes
and less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives content
16 rated highly by said user.

16. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
2 of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

4 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive
6 preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said
community.

17. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a first
community further comprises:

providing a second community, said second community expressing
preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

said first community arises from a larger second community, said first
community determined by having a preference in common.

18. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

19. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of transmitting said
individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis.

20. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a first
community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist in approximately the top one-
third of a possible rating spectrum.

21. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 20, wherein the step of providing a first
community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.

22. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community being dynamically
self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing
first preferences regarding content in first data streams;

providing a second community, said second community expressing
second preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with
members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that
said first community arises from a larger second community, said first

12 community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said
14 first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

receiving preferences from a first user;

16 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics and according to said preferences of said first user so that said
18 individual data stream is biased for positive first preferences of said first
community and biased against negative first preferences of said first community
and so that said individual data stream is biased according to said preferences of
20 said first user;

22 transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including
content highly rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first
24 user, said individual data stream transmitted on a voluntary or selectable basis to
allow said first user to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or
26 selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining
28 characteristics to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual
data stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish
said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias
30 said individual data stream; whereby

32 said individual data stream has more content that said community likes
and less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives content
34 rated highly by said user.

23. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in
first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs
and/or music videos;

repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed
preferences so that said first community evolves over time, said first community
having similar expressed preferences for similar content in said first data
streams;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said expressed
preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first data
streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first music-
related database according to said determined characteristics so that said
individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said
first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first
community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without
analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said first
community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to
said expressed preferences of said first community.

24. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein said step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive
preferences of said first community and biased against negative preferences of
said first community.

25. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of repeatedly receiving
expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further comprises:

 repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second community
having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding content in
said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

 repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

 repeatedly determining said first community from said second
community with members of said first community having an expressed
preference in common; whereby

 said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger
second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a
preference in common.

26. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of biasing an individual data
stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

27. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences
of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of transmitting said
individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis.

28. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences
of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first community
having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences regarding
content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including
songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a second
community having a plurality of members, said second expressed preferences
regarding content in second data streams arising from said first music-related
database;

evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second community

12 to provide evaluated second preferences;

14 repeatedly determining said first community from said second
community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said
16 first community having a first preference in common so that said first
community arises from a larger second community, said first community
repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

18 repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first expressed
preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined
20 characteristics;

22 biasing an individual data stream arising from said first music-related
database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data
stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and so that said
24 individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed preferences of said
first community and biased against negative first expressed preferences of said
26 first community; and

28 transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

30 said individual data stream continually has more content that said first
community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without
32 resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and
enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change
34 over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said

second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

29. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in
first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs
and/or music videos;

repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed
preferences, said first community having similar expressed preferences for
similar content in said first data streams;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said expressed
preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first data
streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first music-
related database according to said determined characteristics so that said
individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said
first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said
evolving first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes
without analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said
first community and said determined characteristics to change over time
according to said expressed preferences of said first community.

30. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein said step of
biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

 biasing an individual data stream according to said determined
characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive
preferences of said first community and biased against negative preferences of
said first community.

31. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of
repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data
streams further comprises:

 repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second community
having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding content in
said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

 repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

 repeatedly determining said first community from said second
community with members of said first community having an expressed
preference in common; whereby

 said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger
second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a
preference in common.

32. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of
biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

33. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of
transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis.

34. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream
according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first community
having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences regarding
content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including
songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a second
community having a plurality of members, said second expressed preferences
regarding content in second data streams arising from said first music-related
database;

evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second community
to provide evaluated second preferences;

repeatedly determining said first community from said second
community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said
first community having a first preference in common so that said first
community arises from a larger second community, said first community
repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first expressed
preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined
characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream arising from said first music-related
database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data
stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and so that said
individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed preferences of said
first community and biased against negative first expressed preferences of said
first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis
thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a
voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first
community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without
resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and
enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change

34 over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said
second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

35. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to
2 preferences of a community, comprising:

4 a server located in a first location, said server repeatedly receiving
expressed preferences from users, said users being receivers of content in first
data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or
6 music videos;

8 said server repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed
preferences, said first community having similar expressed preferences for
similar content in said first data streams;

10 said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said
expressed preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first
12 data streams to provide determined characteristics;

14 said server biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first
music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said
individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said
16 first community; and

said server transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

18 said individual data stream continually has more content that said
evolving first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes
20 without analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said

first community and said determined characteristics to change over time
according to said expressed preferences of said first community.

36. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to
preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server biasing an
individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing an individual data stream according to said
determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for
positive preferences of said first community and biased against negative
preferences of said first community.

37. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according
preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server repeatedly
receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further
comprises:

said server repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second
community having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding
content in said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

said server repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second
community; and

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second
community with members of said first community having an expressed
preference in common; whereby

said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger
second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a
preference in common.

38. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according
preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server biasing an
individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with
the DMCA.

39. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according
preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server transmitting
said individual data stream further comprises:

said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or
selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data
stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

40. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according
preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one of said users being
in a second location, said second location being a different country than said
first location.

41. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to
2 preferences of a community, comprising:

a server repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first
4 community having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences
regarding content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database
6 including songs and/or music videos;

said server repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a
8 second community having a plurality of members, said second expressed
preferences regarding content in second data streams arising from said first
10 music-related database;

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said server evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second
12 community to provide evaluated second preferences;

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second
14 community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said
first community having a first preference in common so that said first
16 community arises from a larger second community, said first community
repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first
18 expressed preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide
20 determined characteristics;

said server biasing an individual data stream arising from said first
22 music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said
individual data stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and

24 so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed
preferences of said first community and biased against negative first expressed
26 preferences of said first community; and

said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or
28 selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data
stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

30 said individual data stream continually has more content than said first
community likes and less content than said first community dislikes without
32 resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and
enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change
over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said
second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

42. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according
2 preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 41, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one member of said
4 first or second communities being in a second location, said second location
being a different country than said first location.